GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up National Institute of FoodTechnology to carry out research in food and related processing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering upgrading existing research facilities across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b): A proposal to set up a National Institute of Food Technology & Managementhas been mooted. Since it is at preliminary stage, details have not yet been worked out.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries through its plan schemes provides for100% financial assistance towards capital cost for various R&D projects of Central/StateGovernment Organisations, IITs and Universities.If the R&D projects are proposed by private institutions, the scheme provides for grant of 33% of the capital cost for general areas and 50% of the capital cost for difficult areas to facilitate wider reach of research facilities across the country.